

REGULAR AGENDA MEETING
Mayor and Council
Borough of Harrington Park, New Jersey
September 10, 2012

(PAH) Call Meeting to Order

Time: 7:02pm

Mayor's Announcement:

In compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, adequate notice of the meeting was made. It is included in the Annual Meetings posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Center. Copies have been mailed to the BERGEN RECORD, SUBURBANITE and THE NORTHERN VALLEY PRESS. A copy has been filed with the Borough Clerk, and copies have been mailed to individuals requesting the same.

(ALB) Roll Call:

	PRESENT	ABSENT
NAPOLITANO	x	
QUANTMEYER		x
EVANELLA	x	
ROTH		x
DUNLEA	x	
CHUNG	x	

Also present:

Ms. Ann H. Bistriz, Borough Clerk

Suspension of Regular Business

Motion: GE

Second: AN

Vote: AIF

Members of the HP Volunteer Fire Department (Chief Blackinton, Assistant Chief Budinich, Ex Chief Clark) made a presentation to clarify any concern that Council members may have had for the need of purchasing (Bonding) for a new fire truck.

Chief Blackinton explained that the three volunteers have a total of 86 years' experience with the HPVFD. Mr. Clark had served on several truck committees over the years.

The Fire Department was under the impression that Council was on board with bonding for the new truck until they saw the newspaper article that they were possibly considering otherwise.

Mr. Blackinton went over the trucks that are in service and explained the attributes and detriments of each one. Included in the fleet are a 1982 Mac-Second Pumper, 1989 Pierce Pumper Truck, 1995 Pierce Ladder Truck, 2000 Ford Rescue Truck and 2 Dodge Durrango Chief Vehicles. The requested truck would be for water pumping when responding to a fire. The new truck also allows for an increased amount of fire fighters to respond.

Over the past 100 years, the HPVFD has had a very effective record. Currently there are 40 active members with the ability for a Chief to respond within 5 minutes, and a truck to respond

within 10 minutes. Waiting for another town to respond could take 15 minutes. Every minute counts. Mr. Clark explained the situation that had occurred at Brookside Village. The response time seemed long to people who lived in the building; however the response time with a fire truck was 4 minutes for the Chief, followed by the fire truck, 3 minutes later. Waiting for mutual aid would have been detrimental, to this dire situation.

Past years log books average about 100-120 calls annually. All calls are considered an active, important call. Whether it's a false alarm or not, the same amount of attention is required to respond. They have been to households that have had several false alarms and then, unfortunately the call was for a real fire; the department responds the same, each time, always prepared to fight a fire and save lives.

Harrington Park is one of the few towns in the area that always has a crew ready to respond. They are also ready to cover neighboring towns if necessary. What good is it if the Borough has the manpower but no way to respond?

JD asked about the status of the grant application. AN noted that it is still under FEMA review and there has not been an answer. Past experience shows that having funding in place prior to grant approval should not be detrimental. In any event, the Fire Department can start the ordering process, which may take as long as 6-8 months.

PAH thanked the Fire Department representatives for their thorough explanation. GE was in agreement, all his concerns were answered.

JD requested a copy of the Chief's presentation for all to review further.

Return to Regular Business

Motion: GE

Second: AN

Vote: AIF

(PAH) Consent Agenda-Resolutions

Individual Committee Reports

(AN) Planning Bd., Bd. of Adjustment, Construction, Fire

Ordinance Review Committee is determining which codes are unclear and hopefully they will work out a clear process for follow-ups on existing items that are not up to code, or for work that was performed without a permit.

(GQ) Recreation Commission, Environmental Commission Personnel & Performance Evaluations

(GE) Police, Municipal Court, Public Assistance

(JR) Finance, Administration & Exec., Grants, Newsletter

(JD) DPW, Recycling, Building & Grounds

The Borough has not heard back from Norwood regarding shared services of DPW equipment.

(JC) Board of Health, Sanitation

Liaison to Board of Education

Would like to continue attending the Environmental Commission meetings since Councilman Quantmeyer has not been attending meetings.

Beechwood Park Eagle Project by Nicholas Venezia is now complete.

Water bottles compliments of the DPW have been distributed through the school. Dr. Fried has sent a thank you email.

School wide waste audit is scheduled for September 25, 2012.

Board of Education has approved a policy for prevention and treatment of head injuries.

HP Teens for Tomorrow will be painting the bridge at Pondside Park. Recreation

Commission has approved this work and will provide the paint for the students (7th grade-12th grade).

GE made a motion to have a letter sent on behalf of the Mayor and Council commending Nicholas Venezia for his hard work at Beechwood Park. Second JD-all in favor.

(PAH) Mayor Hoelscher

Old Business

(JR) Bond Discussion

Council will schedule a special meeting for Bond Discussion September 13, 2012.

(GE) The dredging at Blanch Brook is successful. A resident in the area has told GE that the deluge of water from a recent storm was well handled by the watercourse.

New Business

(GE) Hire of New Crossing Guard-Addendum A

Motion: GE

Comments:

(GE)After returning from Closed Session Councilman Evanella clarified for the public that due to a resignation of a crossing guard, there was a need for the Chief to immediately hire someone who meets all the requirements for the job since the Borough currently does not have any substitute crossing guards.

Ms. DiRese currently works for the school and has recently gone through the background check process.

(JD) Wanted to ensure that the Borough has advertised for substitute crossing guards so they may interview several people prior to hiring.

Second: JC

Vote: AIF

(PAH) Best Practices Survey

Anne Murphy will have this survey ready for review at the next meeting.

Community Development Representative

PAH would like to appoint JC as the Community Development Representative, along with himself. This encompasses attending 2 meetings a year.

Meeting Open to Public

Motion GE

Second JD

AIF

GE informed Council that OLV is holding an Octoberfest fundraiser to benefit the Ruggerio family-October 20, 2012.

Meeting Closed to Public

Motion GE

Second JD

AIF

Closed Session 8:17pm

Motion GE

Second AN

Vote: AIF

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 permits a public body to conduct business in Closed Session during a public meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deem it necessary to discuss certain matters in Closed Session as permitted by the aforesaid statute.

A. Police Personnel

B. Public Safety

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that discussion of the aforementioned subjects may be made public at such time as disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect the interest and Borough as to said discussion.

Return to Open Session 8:30pm

Motion GE

Second JD

Items for the Monthly Regular Meeting: September 18, 2012*

Minutes:

Regular Agenda Meeting August 13, 2012

Regular Meeting August 20, 2012

Adjournment-Time: 8:33pm

Motion: GE

Second: JC

Vote: AIF

Addendum A

Resolution

Hiring of Substitute Crossing Guard

WHEREAS, Council has been advised by Chief Maalouf that there is a need for additional full time crossing guards; and

WHEREAS, Chief Maalouf recommends the hiring of Ms. Kathy Ann DiRese to fill such full-time position; and

WHEREAS, Ms. DiRese shall be trained appropriately and be paid \$31.00 per day.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of Harrington Park shall hire Ms. Kathy Ann DiRese for the full time position of crossing guard.